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SENATOR MARSH: Nearly the same number that are currently under the plan.

SENATOR DWORAK: Which is how many?

SENATOR MARSH: I can't give you accurate figures.

SENATOR DWORAK: Are we doubling the plan?

SENATOR MARSH: Approximately.

SENATOR DWORAK: And, what is the fiscal impact to bringing in these additional employees?

SENATOR MARSH: I have another amendment up there for 971A. Do you want this information right now?

SENATOR DWORAK: Yes, please.

SENATOR MARSH: There is hereby appropriated \$66,210, from the general fund for the period of July 1, 1975 to July...or June 30, 1976 to the Board of Trustees to aid in carrying out the provisions of LB971, and \$444,000.....to the Board of Regents to the University of Nebraska for filling the same.

SENATOR DWORAK: That is the total?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes sir.

SENATOR DWORAK: So, we are talking about a half a million dollars?

SENATOR MARSH: Yes sir.

SENATOR DWORAK: On to a plan with a fiscal impact now out of the general fund of one billion, one-hundred thousand dollars. I rise in opposition to this. I think that this is a very significant departure from the way that we have been allocating funds to the University for the employee benefit program. I am not totally comfortable with 971 in its present form, but have agreed to go along with that, but now to put in this type of additional impact on 971, I think would be a very serious mistake. I think that it would be something that we don't want to consider at this time through this vehicle. I would urge that we defeat Senator Marsh's amendment.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Is Senator F. Lewis around, or is he gone? I would like to ask somebody some questions about this particular bill. I guess that I will have to hold it up until Senator Lewis comes back Mr. President. I would like to hold up discussion on the bill until Senator Lewis gets back at least. Are there others that want to speak?

PRESIDENT: Well.....here is Senator Lewis.

SENATOR MARVEL: I have a comment to make and then I would like to have Senator Lewis's response. I think that this whole health program is important. I really think that, and I am being accused and will continue to be accused and am beginning to receive phone calls late at night from University personnel about the fact that I am beginning to discriminate